श्री सभापति: एक बात आप बता दें ....(व्यवधान)... आप यह बता दें कि क्या मै सरकार को आदेश दे सकता हूं?....(व्यवधान)....

श्री संजय निरुपम: चेयरमैंन साहब, बिल्कुल ....(व्यवधान)....

श्री सभापति : बता दीजिए। ...(व्यवधान)...

श्री संजय निरुपम: आप सरकार को निर्देश दे सकते है ...(व्यवधान)...

श्री एस.एस. अहलुवालिया: सर, इस तरह से बातें करते रहे है ...(व्यवधान)...

प्रो. राम देव भंडारी: सर यह रिकार्ड पर नही जाना चाहिए ...(व्यवधान)... ये आपकी बिना अनुमति के बोल रहे है। ...(व्यवधान)...

श्री संजय निरुपम: वीर सावरकर का अपमान हुआ है। ...(व्यवधान)... यह रिकार्ड पर जाना ही चाहिए। ...(व्यवधान)...

प्रो. राम देव भंडारी: ये बिना परमिशन के बोल रहे है। ...(व्यवधान)... यह रिकार्ड पर नही जाना चाहिए। ...(व्यवधान)...

श्री संजय निरुपम: ये वीर सावरकर का अपमान कर रहे है। ...(व्यवधान)...

श्री सभापति: संदन की कार्यवाही दो बजे तक के लिए स्थगित की जाती है।

The House then adjourned at eleven minutes past eleven of the clock.

The House re-assembled at two of the clock

DEPUTY CHAIRMAN in the Chair.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO STARRED QUESTIONS

Balika Samridhi Yojana

*381. SHRI DWIJENDRA NATH SHARMAH: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the aims and objectives of the Balika Samridhi Yojana; and

(b) the details of the amount allocated and released to Assam under this scheme during the last three years, year-wise and district-wise?

THE MINISTER OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI ARJUN SINGH): (a) Scheme called 'Balika Samridhi Yojana' a 100%

Centrally Sponsored Scheme aims to provide benefits for the girl child. The objectives of the scheme are—

(i) To change the negative family and community attitude towards the girl child at birth and towards her mother.

(ii) To improve enrollment and retention of girl children in schools.

(iii) To raise the age at marriage of girls.

(iv) To assist the girl to undertake income generating activities.

The scheme was formally launched on 2nd October, 1997 and recast in 1999. However in the year 2001 the Planning Commission decided that the Centrally Sponsored Scheme Balika Samridhi Yojana should be transferred to States. This decision could not be formally confirmed by the National Development Council. In the mean time because of non-receipt of Utilisation Certificates, funds were not released to the States running the scheme. Now the Department has decided to release funds to those States that have now submitted satisfactory Utilisation Certificates. Funds will be released after making provision in the Revised Estimates under this Head.

(b) Since inception of the scheme in 1997, Rs. 594.02 lakhs has been released to Assam. So far State Government of Assam has submitted utilisation certificates only for Rs. 436.94 lakhs. Due to unspent balance of Rs. 157.08 lakhs with the State, no funds have been released to the Government of Assam during the last three financial years.

Children's Film Festival

*382. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING be pleased to state:

(a) the details of cities hosting children's film festival since 1995;

(b) whether it is a fact that Hyderabad has become a prominent centre for hosting the International Children's Film Festival;

(c) if so, whether Government find any justification in establishing a children's film festival complex at Hyderabad;